

RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 12, 2008, Applicants have cancelled all the claims subject to the § 103 rejection over Schmidt et al., and have revised the remaining claims to overcome the § 112 rejections and to recite the elected species and genus. Applicant has also proposed an amendment to the specification to overcome the stated objection.

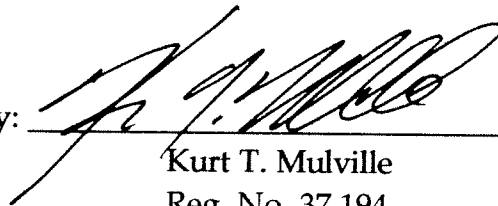
The Commissioner is authorized to charge a THREE (3) MONTH extension fee to Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP's Deposit Account No. 15-0665 and to credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account No. 15-0665.

Respectfully submitted,

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